
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1651

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Fromhold, Alexander, B. Sullivan, Walsh and Simpson)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to boating activities; and adding new sections to
2 chapter 79A.60 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.60 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The boating activities account is created in the state treasury.
7 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
8 Expenditures from the account may be used only as authorized under
9 sections 2 and 3 of this act.

10 Grants, gifts, or other financial assistance received by the
11 interagency committee for outdoor recreation from state and nonstate
12 sources for purposes of boating activities may be deposited into the
13 account.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.60 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The boating activities program is created in the interagency
17 committee for outdoor recreation.

1 (2) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall
2 distribute moneys appropriated from the boating activities account
3 created in section 1 of this act as follows, or as otherwise
4 appropriated by the legislature, after deduction for the committee's
5 expenses in administering the boating activities grant program and for
6 related studies:

7 (a) To the commission for boater safety, boater education, boating-
8 related law enforcement activities, activities included in RCW
9 88.02.040, related administrative expenses, and boating-related
10 environmental programs, such as pumpout stations, to enhance clean
11 waters for boating;

12 (b) For grants to state agencies, counties, municipalities, federal
13 agencies, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes to improve boating
14 access to water and marine parks, enhance the boater experience, boater
15 safety, boater education, and boating-related law enforcement
16 activities, and to provide funds for boating-related environmental
17 programs, such as pumpout stations, to enhance clean waters for
18 boating; and

19 (c) If the amount available for distribution from the boating
20 activities account is equal to or less than two million five hundred
21 thousand dollars per fiscal year, then eighty percent of the amount
22 available must be distributed to the commission for the purposes of (a)
23 of this subsection and twenty percent for grants in (b) of this
24 subsection. Amounts available for distribution in excess of two
25 million five hundred thousand dollars per fiscal year shall be
26 distributed by the committee for purposes of (a) and (b) of this
27 subsection.

28 (3) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall
29 establish an application process for boating activities grants.

30 (4) Agencies receiving grants for capital purposes from the boating
31 activities account shall consider the possibility of contracting with
32 the commission, the department of natural resources, or other federal,
33 state, and local agencies to employ the youth development and
34 conservation corps or other youth crews in completing the project.

35 (5) To solicit input on the boating activities grant application
36 process, criteria for grant awards, and use of grant moneys, and to
37 determine the interests of the boating community, the interagency
38 committee for outdoor recreation shall solicit input from a boating

1 activities advisory committee. The interagency committee for outdoor
2 recreation may utilize a currently established boating issues committee
3 that has similar responsibility for input on recreational boating-
4 related funding issues. Members of the boating activities advisory
5 committee are not eligible for compensation but may be reimbursed for
6 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

7 (6) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation may adopt
8 rules to implement this section.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.60 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) By December 1, 2007, the interagency committee for outdoor
12 recreation shall complete an initial study of boater needs and make
13 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the
14 initial amount of funding that should be provided to the commission for
15 boating-related law enforcement purposes under section 2(2)(a) of this
16 act.

17 (2) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall
18 periodically update its study of boater needs as necessary and shall
19 make recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of
20 the legislature concerning funding allocations to state parks and other
21 grant applicants.

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